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Refrigerated Foods and
Livestock Production Group

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Chief, Standardization Branch, Livestock and Seed Programs
AMS, USDA, Room 2603-S, Stop 0254
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250-0254

Re: Docket No. LS-02-02: *United States Standards for Livestock and Meat Marking Claims – Notice and request for comments.*

To whom it may concern,

Farmland Foods, Inc., is a manufacturer of fresh and processed meats that are distributed nationally and to foreign countries. Farmland Foods processes approximately 7.5 million head of swine annually, of these animals processed we have over 500,000 head annually that will be affected by this regulation. We appreciate the opportunity to comment.

Farmland Foods, Inc., supports truth in livestock production, marketing and labeling of meat.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and agree with the proposed standards as written. We appreciate and support the services of third-party verification by USDA.

Sincerely,

Jesse Waller
Manager of Labeling